

Groundwater Management Plan Committee

January 11, 2018

12pm – 2pm at Festival Hall Rm 1

Committee Members in attendance:

Joe Melling	Brent Hunter	Paul Bittman
Paul Cozzens	Paul Nelson	Rob Dotson

Meeting called to order at 12:19pm

Items of Discussion

1. Review Minutes

Rob Dotson motioned to approve the minutes as they are written. Second by Paul Cozzens.

Unanimous at 12:20

2. Review the Groundwater Management Plan Draft:

Rob Dotson questioned what version of the plan was handed out. The draft that was handed out to the committee does not include his updated information in section A.

Rob Dotson presented his additions to the draft. He will also email the most up to date version to Paul Monroe to update for the committee.

Policies: Rob feels like the most work will be needed on the policies of this section of the Draft. One item that will take the most work is figuring out how to have the water right users will keep accurate records of water right use in relation to non-use. Getting good strong data especially from our Ag. Users will be monumental in our reporting to the State Engineer.

The water users in the Cedar City Valley will keep accurate records of Water-Rights Use in relation to Non-Use and Supplemental Irrigation Rights.

Government entities will supply resource information to assist water right owners as they manage the State water rights processes and be appropriate liaisons with the Division of Water Rights.

FUNDING FOR ONGOING MONITORING:

Work with UGSG and Division of water rights to encourage the use of all funding mechanisms to maintain reporting tools.

Paul Bittman arrived at 12:33pm.

Paul Cozzens brought the committee up to date with the Recharge projects. He stated that Raymond has been working on getting screens built and installed so that we can get water going out to the airport.

The recharge is running, and everything looks great.

Discussion on current recharge projects and future recharge areas and projects last for several minutes.

Brent Hunter asked if there was any progression made with the sewer effluent water. Paul Bittman said they are just working to get that ready to put out to bid.

Discussion on effluent water continues for several minutes.

3. Agricultural Incentive Conservation Update:

Brent Hunter stated that Vickers and Westwood have already visited with the Mike Styler and other State Department heads. We will be waiting to hear what happens this legislative session. Vickers spoke about this at our latest soil conservation meeting. I think it might take a year or two before we see any

results, but I do think we are moving in the right direction. Brent said that the technology is still new and that we need to continue to gather more data.

There is a farmer out in Garrison, Nevada that uses the water saving pivots. We need to plan a site visit to his farm.

4. Next Meeting Date

- a. February 08, 2018 Festival Hall Room #1

Joe Melling closed by saying that hopefully the discussions will help the committee to move forward with their assignments on the Draft. 1:15 pm

Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm